GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:527
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VISIT OF YASSER ARAFAT
SURESH KURUP

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether President Yasser Arafat visited India on August 22, 2001 to keep it informed of the developments in West Asia; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) & (b) President Yasser Arafat visited India on 23 August, 2001. He briefed the Prime Minister on developments in the Middle East Peace Process and requested India to use its influence for an early resumption of the peace process.